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FORMER TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR AUDLEY EVANS SENTENCED

United States District Court Judge James S. Moody, Jr. today sentenced Audley Evans, the former Executive Director of the Tampa Housing Authority, to 41 months in federal prison.

A co-defendant, C. Hayward Chapman, was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

On February 28, 2001, a jury convicted Evans on one count of conspiracy, two counts of bribery, six counts of receiving gratuities, and six counts of false statements. Chapman was a principal in a corporation that received work from the Tampa Housing Authority and he was found guilty on four counts of giving a gratuity to a public official and one count of tax evasion.

This case was investigated by the F.B.I., the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Audit and Investigations, and the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill.